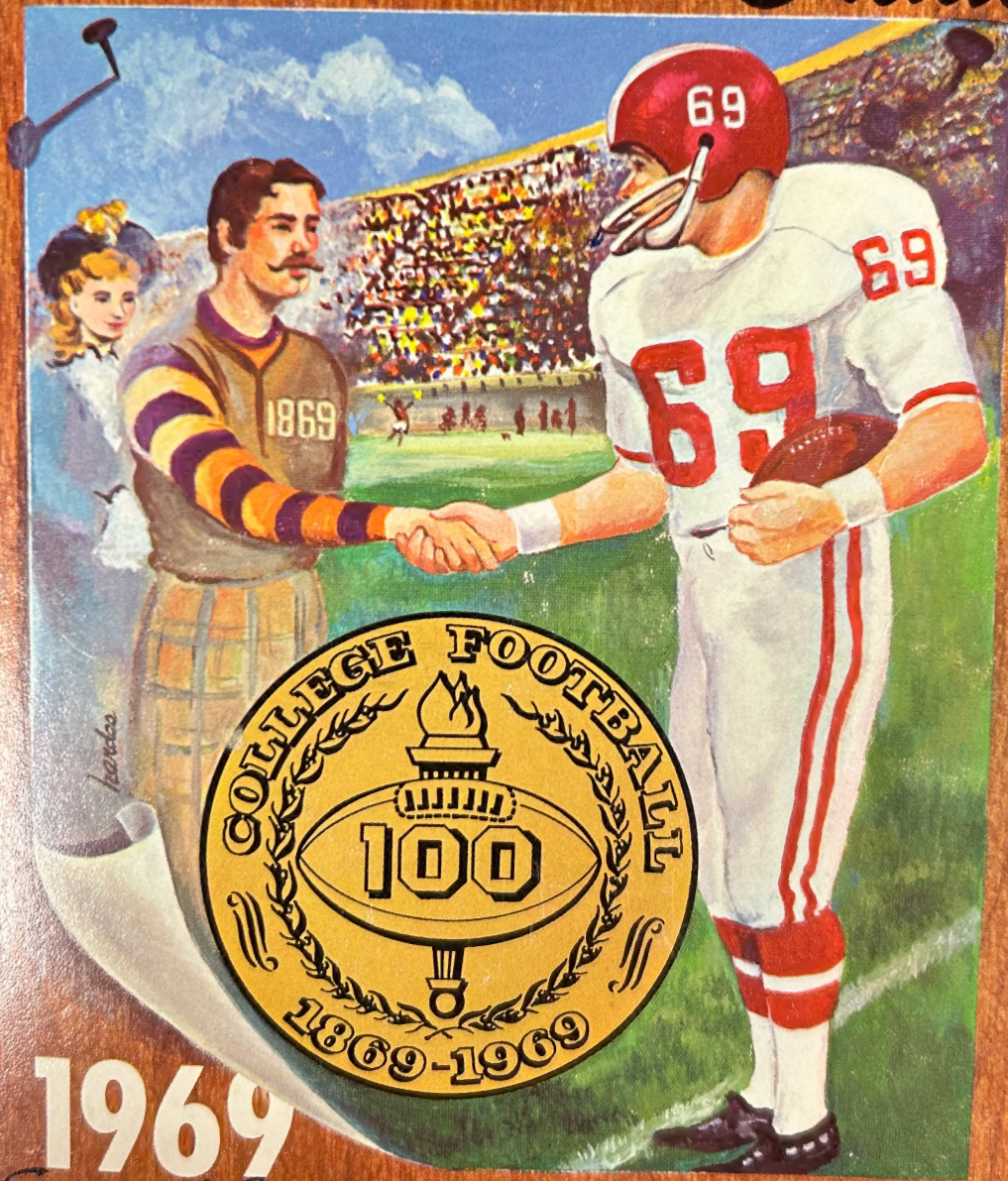


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THUS THE 2nd CENTURY BEGINS

Purdue threat early, wiping out challenging Michigan in late season and then coming from behind to deal USC a 27-16 pounding in the Rose Bowl. The Buckeyes were voted No. 1 team in the nation and Hayes was named the Football Writers' Association of America Coach-of-the-Year.

AFTER A SLOW START, Texas was the team coming fastest at the finish. The Longhorns never scored less than 35 points in their last seven games, nor had a close game, and the way they mauled Texas A&M on Thanksgiving and Tennessee in the Cotton Bowl convinced some that 1968's best matching would have put the Longhorns and Buckeyes in the same battle pit.

But it not only was the year of Buckeyes, Longhorns, Nittany Lions and Razorbacks, it also was the season of Simpson, the most remarkable of running backs who won all the top awards worth winning.

It also was the year the Southwest Conference soared in the bowls (scoring its first three-game sweep since 1956). It was the year the Yales tied the Harvards, 29-29, in a season-ending battle of unbeatens.

It was the year Tennessee opened college football's television schedule by tying Georgia with a two-point play after time had officially expired, and Penn State closed the season three months and 18 days later, in the Orange Bowl, by nosing out Kansas in a frantic finish and only after the Jayhawkers had muffed certain victory by using a 12-man lineup.

IT WAS A MUFF KANSAS COACH PEPPER RODGERS can laugh about, now that he's about to field another Big Eight challenger. Rodgers needed only two seasons to establish himself as a young lion among Midwest coaches.

Vince Carillot at Tulsa, Floyd Gass at Oklahoma State, Bill Beall at Bay-

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS, 1924-1968

Ohio State was the 1968 choice of both the writers' and coaches' polls as college football's unofficial national champion. The Buckeyes also were voted the Grantland Rice Award by the Football Writers' Association of America.

It was Ohio State's first outright crown since 1942. The Buckeyes also were co-champions in 1957 and 1954 when the press association polls did not agree on a team as the unofficial national champion.

The Associated Press poll of sports writers was originated in 1936 and the United Press International poll of coaches in 1950. Representing opinions of observers across the country, they are the popularly accepted electors to national ranking. Prior to the polls, the Rissman and Knute Rockne trophies symbolized the championships from 1924 to 1936. The titlists so designated:

1968—Ohio State	1957—Auburn, Ohio St.	1946—Notre Dame	1935—SMU
1967—Southern Cal	1956—Oklahoma	1945—Army	1934—Minnesota
1966—Notre Dame	1955—Oklahoma	1944—Army	1933—Michigan
1965—Ala., Mich. St.	1954—Ohio St., UCLA	1943—Notre Dame	1932—Michigan
1964—Alabama	1953—Maryland	1942—Ohio State	1931—Southern Cal
1963—Texas	1952—Michigan State	1941—Minnesota	1930—Notre Dame
1962—Southern Cal	1951—Tennessee	1940—Minnesota	1929—Notre Dame
1961—Alabama	1950—Oklahoma	1939—Texas A&M	1928—Southern Cal
1960—Minnesota	1949—Notre Dame	1938—TCU	1927—Illinois
1959—Syracuse	1948—Michigan	1937—Pittsburgh	1926—Stanford
1958—LSU	1947—Notre Dame	1936—Minnesota	1925—Dartmouth
			1924—Notre Dame

NATIONAL RATINGS, 1936-1968

The most successful major teams of the past 33 years, according to the ratings produced by the press association polls, have been Notre Dame and Oklahoma. Counting 10 points for each season-end first place rating, 9 for second and so on, the Irish have accumulated 139 points, to the Sooners' next best 102.

Notre Dame 139	Ohio State 78	Mich. State 72	Southern Cal 58
Oklahoma 102	Tennessee 78	Texas 71	Minnesota 57
Alabama 85	Michigan 74	Army 61	LSU & UCLA 52

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